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BEFORE

THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

NORTH COUNTY
COMMUNICATIONS CORP.,

Complainant,

vs.

VERIZON NORTH, INC., and
VERIZON SOUTH, INC.

Respondents.

) Docket No. 02-07-0376

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**APPLICATION FOR
LEAVE TO APPEAR**

NORTH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. respectfully requests that leave to appear be granted to the following out-of-state attorneys, Joseph G. Dicks and Dale Dixon, to appear on its behalf in the case styled *North County Communications v. Verizon*, filed concurrently with this pleading.

GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO GRANT LEAVE TO APPEAR.

Pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin Code section 200.90 (a):

Any party may appear by an attorney at law authorized to practice in the State of Illinois; attorneys admitted to practice in states other than Illinois may appear and be heard upon special leave of the Hearing Examiner in particular cases. In determining whether to grant such leave, the Hearing Examiner shall consider, in addition to the goals set forth in Section 200.25, whether the state in which the attorney is

admitted to practice grants leave to Illinois attorneys in similar situations.¹

2. In addition, 83 Ill. Admin. Code section 200.90 © provides that

A corporation or association may appear by any bona fide officer, employee or representative. Only persons admitted to practice as attorneys and counselors at law shall represent others in proceedings before this Commission in any matter involving the exercise of legal skill or knowledge.

NORTH COUNTY is a small certificated CLEC, pursuant to this Commission's order in Docket No. 00-0818. NORTH COUNTY also provides telecommunications services in numerous other jurisdictions, as well. As a result of ongoing difficulties with ILECs across the country, it has become necessary for NORTH COUNTY to centralize its administrative and litigation activities with attorneys located near its headquarters in San Diego, California. NORTH COUNTY will be able to engage before this Commission in a more expeditious, convenient and cost-effective manner if permitted to be represented by counsel already familiar with its history. 83 Ill. Admin. Code section 200.25 (c, d, e).

With respect to reciprocity, California allows Illinois attorneys to appear before the California Public Utilities Commission, the equivalent body to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

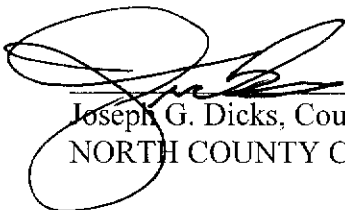
In addition, Mr. Dicks has been granted leave to appear and practice before this Commission, representing NORTH COUNTY in another action to enforce its rights

¹ Similarly, 220 ILCS 5/10-101, ¶ 4, provides that [w]hen any counselor or attorney at law, licensed in any other state or territory, may desire to appear before the Commission, such counselor or attorney shall be allowed to appear before the Commission upon the same terms and in the same manner that counselors and attorneys at law licensed in this State now are or hereafter may be admitted to appear in such other state or territory before its Commission or equivalent body.

under Illinois law, without objection, and concluded that action in compliance with all applicable rules, and without adverse incident.

Accordingly, NORTH COUNTY respectfully requests that Mr. Dicks and Mr. Dixon be permitted to appear on its behalf before the Commission. It is anticipated that Mr. Dicks would be lead counsel and that communications should be directed to him; it is anticipated that Mr. Dixon may make appearances and file briefs, as needed.

Date: June 18, 2007



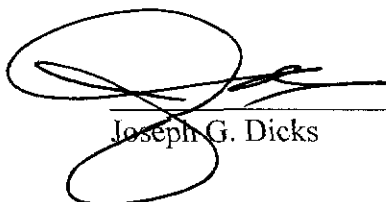
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DECLARATION OF JOSEPH G. DICKS

I, JOSEPH G. DICKS, do declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before all the courts in the State of California. I am also admitted to practice in the following federal courts:
Southern And Central Districts of California; Northern District of New York and the District of Arizona. The information contained herein is based upon my own personal knowledge and if called to testify as to their truth, I could do so competently.
2. I have been a practicing attorney for the past twenty one years. Over the past 10 years, I have represented NORTH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. in various issues affecting small telecommunications carriers at the state and federal level.

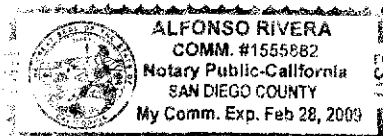


Joseph G. Dicks

Subscribed and sworn to me this
18 day of June, 2007.



Notary Public



DECLARATION OF DALE DIXON

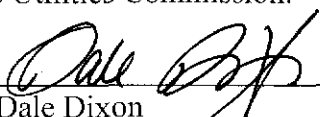
I, DALE DIXON, do declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before all the courts in the State of California. I am also admitted to practice in the following federal courts:


District of Oregon. The information contained herein is based upon my own personal knowledge and if called to testify as to their truth, I could do so competently:

2. I have been a practicing attorney for the past 12 years. Over the past 12 years, I have represented dozens of telecommunications carriers in various issues affecting small telecommunications carriers at the state and federal level.

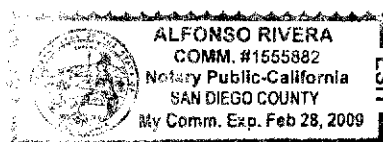
3. I have researched the Rules of the California Public Utilities Commission, as well as contacted the PUC's staff directly. There is no bar to Illinois attorneys appearing before the California Public Utilities Commission.


Dale Dixon

Subscribed and sworn to me this
19th day of June, 2007.



Notary Public



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NORTH COUNTY)	Docket No. 02-_____
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VERIZON SOUTH, INC.)	
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Respondents.)	

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Application for Leave to Appear is granted and Joseph G. Dicks and Dale Dixon are granted leave to appear and to represent NORTH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. in the matter filed concurrently herewith.

Date: _____

Hearing Examiner